


MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager
DATE: October 25, 2016
SUBJECT: Business Resilience Workshop



I am pleased to announce that the City of Miami Beach has been selected to pilot a Business Resiliency workshop. This is a significant event to identify and integrate key issues with economic resiliency into the Miami Beach Rising Above Resiliency Strategy. This effort also compliments our 100 Resilient Cities Resiliency Strategy, underway with our Greater Miami and the Beaches partners.

The workshop, entitled "City-Business Collaboration on Resilience Planning in Miami Beach," will be held all-day on November 3, 2016. Participants will discuss how the community can increase its resilience to extreme weather events, a changing climate, and other natural hazards. This interactive workshop will bring together key stakeholders from the civic and business community to learn about existing resilience planning and assess how it addresses their organization's needs. Featured presenters include key agency heads and representatives from the City of Miami Beach, including the areas of Resilience, Finance, Communications, Emergency Management, and Environment. Key invitees includes representatives from the City of Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, hotels, restaurants, building management, finance, utilities, environmental and civic groups, healthcare, and transportation.

The goal of the workshop is to encourage discussions between city planners and the business community and to plan together for a resilient Miami Beach. The workshop uses the UN Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities¹ developed by IBM and AECOM as a framework for discussion and to identify Miami Beach's current capacity to respond to extreme weather events.

The workshop is being facilitated by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), an independent, nonpartisan, non-profit organization committed to forging practical solutions to our climate and energy challenges. It is being held by C2ES in partnership with the City of Miami Beach and the Miami Beach Chamber Advocacy Council. C2ES is regularly ranked among the top environmental think tanks in the world, since its founding as the Pew Center on Global Climate Change in 1998.

Please contact Susanne M. Torriente, Assistant City Manager/ Chief Resiliency Officer with any questions regarding the event.

Attachment: Agenda


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¹ <http://www.unisdr.org/2014/campaign-cities/Resilience%20Scorecard%20V1.5.pdf>



CITY-BUSINESS COLLABORATION ON RESILIENCE PLANNING IN MIAMI BEACH

The Shelborne Wyndham Grand
November 3, 2016

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast & Networking

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Framing of Workshop Objectives

Speaker:

Janet Peace, Senior Vice President, C2ES

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Planning for a Resilient Miami Beach

City officials will provide an overview of current resilience planning in the city, including the role of the CRO in city government, how climate scenarios are incorporated into city planning processes, and how the city finances resilience activities.

Speakers:

Susanne Torriente, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Miami Beach

Amy Knowles, Deputy Resiliency Officer, City of Miami Beach

Allison Williams, Chief Financial Officer, City of Miami Beach

Cintya Ramos, Budget Director, City of Miami Beach

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Introduction to the Climate Resilience Scorecard

The Climate Resilience Scorecard is a tool for establishing a consensus-based baseline score of Miami Beach's resilience planning process.

Speakers:

Peter Williams, Chief Technology Officer, Big Green Innovations, IBM

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard, Essentials 1 and 3, Plenary Session

Essential 1 covers City Organization for Resilience. Participants will complete Essential 1 in a plenary session. Essential 3 covers financial capacity for resilience planning.

Facilitator:

Peter Williams, Chief Technology Officer, Big Green Innovations, IBM

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Working Lunch: Resilient Urban Planning and Natural Environments

City officials will summarize how resilience activities are financed in the city; how urban development plans account for climate change impacts, and how natural ecosystems are included in these plans.

Speakers:

Thomas Mooney, Planning Director, City of Miami Beach

Betsy Wheaton, Environment & Sustainability Director, City of Miami Beach



12:15– 1:15 p.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard, Essentials 2, 4, and 5, Breakout Sessions

Essential 2 covers risk scenarios and how they are used by the city. Essential 4 covers resilient urban development. Essential 5 covers protective functions of natural ecosystems. Participants will complete Essentials 2, 4, and 5 in breakout groups and then discuss their assessment with the full group.

Facilitators:

Jon Philipsborn, Climate Adaptation Practice Director, AECOM

Janet Peace, Senior Vice President, C2ES

Ashley Lawson, Senior Fellow, C2ES

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Emergency Planning in Miami Beach

City officials will provide an overview of current emergency planning in the city and how climate change risks and response are communicated to diverse communities.

Speakers:

Charles Tear, Emergency Manager, City of Miami Beach

Melissa Berthier, Public Relations Manager, City of Miami Beach

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard, Essentials 6 and 7, Breakout Sessions

Essential 6 covers the city's institutional capacity for resilience. Essential 7 covers societal and cultural resilience. Participants will complete Essentials 6 and 7 in breakout groups and then discuss their assessment with the full group.

Facilitators:

Jon Philipsborn, Climate Adaptation Practice Director, AECOM

Janet Peace, Senior Vice President, C2ES

Ashley Lawson, Senior Fellow, C2ES

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard, Essentials 8 and 9, Breakout Sessions

Essential 8 covers resilient infrastructure. Essential 9 covers disaster response. Participants will complete Essentials 8 and 9 in breakout groups and then discuss their assessment with the full group.

Facilitators:

Jon Philipsborn, Climate Adaptation Practice Director, AECOM

Janet Peace, Senior Vice President, C2ES

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4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Essential 10 and Wrap-up, Plenary Session

Essential 10 covers resilient recovery after an event. Participants will complete Essential 10 in a plenary session and review the full Climate Resilience Scorecard assessment.